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TAGS: ETRD, EEC

SUBJECT: EC CHEESE COUNTERVAILING PROBLEM

REF: A. STATE 84066 B. STATE 77388

1. ECONCOM MIN AND AGATTACHE MET EVENING APRIL 12 WITH
MAFF SECOND PERMSEC F. KEARNS, RANKING OFFICIAL THAT
DEPARTMENT AVAILABLE OVER WEEKEND. KEARNS, WHO
WILL ACCOMPANY AG MINISTER PEART TO COUNCIL MEETINGS,
HAD FULL GRASP OF PROBLEM BACKGROUND. HOWEVER, WE
EXPLAINED U.S. POSITION IN DETAIL, DRAWING ON REFTELS,
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EMPHASIZING THAT U.S. HAS ALREADY MADE CONSIDERABLE

CONCESSIONS DESPITE STRONG DOMESTIC PRESSURES AND
ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES IT CAN GO NO FURTHER. WITH
MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS SOLUTION APPARENTLY SO CLOSE,
WE HOPE EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS CAN ACCEPT U.S.
REQUEST FOR SUSPENSION RESTITUTIONS ON ALL
EMMENTHALER AND GRUYERE AND RECONSIDER FAVORABLY
U.S. OFFER OF APRIL 5.

2. KEARNS WAS PERSONALLY IN GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH
U.S. POSITION AND PARTICULARLY CONCERNED WITH BROAD
RAMIFICATIONS IF EC REJECTS U.S. OFFER. HE PROMISED
TO INFORM PEART AND OTHER OFFICIALS CONCERNED PRIOR
TO APRIL 14 COUNCIL MEETING AND SAID HE ALSO WILL
TALK PERSONALLY WITH LARDINOIS.

3. ECON/CON MIN DISCUSSED PROBLEM WITH SIR OLIVER
WRIGHT, DEPUTY TO PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY, FCO
WHO WILL ACCOMPANY FOREIGN SECRETARY CALLAGHAN TO
MEETINGS, ALONG LINES REFTELS, URGING RESOLUTION
ON BASIS PROPOSED, I.E. SUSPENSION OF RESTITUTIONS
ON ALL EMMENTHALER AND GRUYERE. WRIGHT WAS WELL
ACQUAINTED WITH THE PROBLEM, SAID CALLAGHAN IS MUCH
CONCERNED AND WANTS TO SEE IT RESOLVED, AND ASSURED
US THAT THEY WILL DO THEIR BEST.

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